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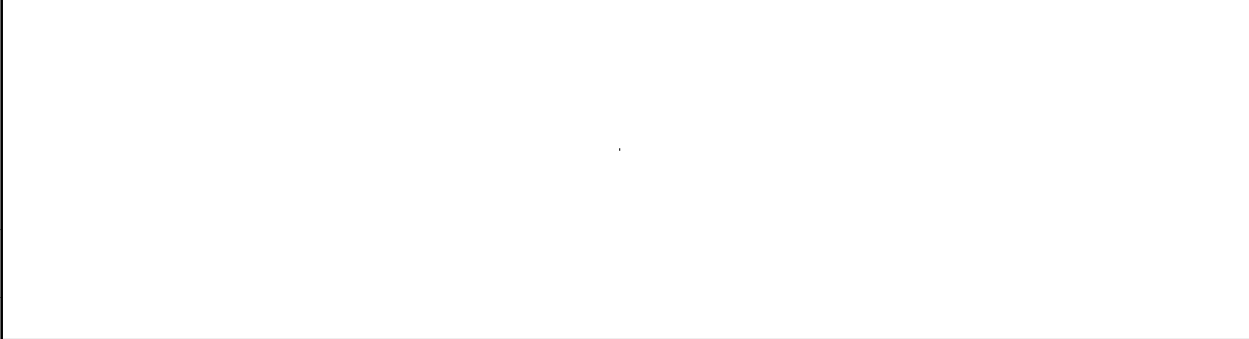
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1. The airfield was west of Izhora (59°39' N/30°13' E), Leningrad Oblast, north of the road to Taizy (59°40' N/30°8' E). After the expansion, the field measured 3.2 km from east to west and 2.4 km from north to south. The field was surrounded by a level wooded area and could be expanded in any direction. There was no spur track. A concrete road from Izhora led along the southern edge of the field to Taizy. Local residents said that the field had been used by German air units during the war. The landing field, originally 2x2.4 km, was being expanded to the east by 60 to 90 PWs and 10 Soviet laborers. The new 12x2.4 km strip was being cleared, graded, rolled, sadded, and again rolled. Sewers were not laid. There were no concrete runways or taxiways prior to June 1943. Up to that date the new strip of the landing field was not being used.
2. Boundary or obstacle lights were not seen. There were no installations except two old wooden and corrugated sheet-metal hangars, each 12x30x60 meters, and one three-story barracks building, about 20x60 meters, for ground personnel.
3. The field was occupied during the entire period of observation by 10 to 12 single-engine monoplanes and biplanes and six to eight dark gray-green four-engine aircraft with in-line engines, single rudder assemblies, full-view cockpits, small tail wheels not retractable, doors in the left side of the fuselages just behind the trailing edges of the wings.
4. There was little flying. The four-engine planes flew individually or in formation and usually only once daily. From 100 to 200 soldiers were taken to the field by truck about three times every week. The soldiers, who wore ordinary uniforms, no pilots' suits or parachute jump suits, jumped over the landing field from altitudes between 500 and 1,000 meters. Twenty-two men were counted jumping from each plane. If several aircraft flew simultaneously the soldiers jumped in close succession over the same point of the landing field and landed close to each other. Exercises were not observed after the jumps. Soviet co-workers said that the parachutists came from Leningrad.
5. The entire airfield was surrounded by a barbed-wire fence and watchtowers, 500 meters apart. The watchtowers were occupied by a total of from 50 to 60 air force soldiers who wore blue epaulets. Elements of the ground and flying personnel arrived daily by truck and left in different directions.

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